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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 9, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for December 9, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

CUMHURİYET/MILLİYET/OZGUR GUNDEM/EVRENSEL: Demonstrators in cities around Turkey, including Adana and Van, are protesting the closure order against Egitim-Sen, brought against the Union because its official rules and regulations mentioned "the right to be educated in one's mother tongue." Milliyet reports that nearly 200 people participated in the demonstration in Adana. Police (reportedly) used gas bombs on the group that gathered in Kadikoy, Istanbul and detained 50 people. Mustafa Avci, the secretary general of the Confederation of Public Employees Union

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(KESK), and the secretary general of the Union of Joint Transportation (BTS) Hasan Soysal were (allegedly) among those detained in Istanbul.

EVRENSEL/RADIKAL: Recently, media, newspapers and television, without searching for the root causes of the problems, are accusing the families of children in Diyarbakir of neglect and complicity when kids are forced into crime. But Nezihe C., the mother of one of the children that was saved from kidnappers at Haydarpasa Train Station two days ago, responded to the allegations: "No mother would allow that no matter how hungry her family is." Radikal reports that these children are the kids of families who were forced to migrate from small towns to big cities. They are very vulnerable and are deceived with false promises of prosperity. They learn to make their ends meet through illegal means due to the economic hardships their families suffer.

SABAH: According to (French) Liberation newspaper, the Atomic Scientists organization issued a report stating that there are 480 atom bombs in Europe, ninety of which are located in Incirlik.

EVRENSEL / OZGUR GUNDEM: At least ten students at Dicle University have initiated an indefinite hunger strike to protest the University Presidency's questioning of 82 students for their having participated in various activities, including protests against the Higher Education Authority (YOK).

EVRENSEL: The students of Yuzuncu Yil University in Van protested against the killing of Ugur and Ahmet Kaymaz by the security forces.

SABAH/EVRENSEL/OZGUR GUNDEM: Regarding the killing of shepherd Fevzi Can in Semdinli, Hakkari, 110 attorneys from the Diyarbakir and Batman Bar Associations appealed to the Semdinli Public Prosecutor that all the security forces involved in this incident should be suspended from duty, and a neutral and independent litigation process should be initiated against people associated with the crime directly, through their deliberate acts, as well as against those involved indirectly by negligence.

OZGUR GUNDEM: Members of the Kurdish Women Initiative, who started a journey from Hakkari, arrived at Batman and Diyarbakir. The group aims to list the demands of the women in the region and tell these demands to the Turkish Parliament and EU authorities.

RADIKAL: U.S. military members that went to Iraq from Incirlik airbase are recruiting labor from the Incirlik area. The U.S. has been in Incirlik since 1950 and many U.S. military members know local Turkish people whom they trust. Also, many of the locals have good English language skills. For these reasons, locals from Incirlik are selected by the military for employment in Iraq. Currently, the number of locals that has gone to Iraq is (allegedly) nearly 3,000.

OZGUR GUNDEM: The drivers of tankers that carry fuel oil to Iraq indicate that they are experiencing harsh conditions, including death for some drivers, while at the same time they are transporting fuel oil with (allegedly) a loss of 805 million Turkish Lira in every trip to Iraq. Consequently, drivers decided to offload their vehicles while their company attempts to make better payment arrangements.

OZGUR GUNDEM/EVRENSEL: Tunceli Labor and Democracy Platform

denounced the Tunceli governor for (allegedly) suspending teachers Hasan Hayri Kilic and Aziz Avin from office for having attended a press announcement called "Call for Peace" on November 27th, 2004 in Siirt.

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